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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Corn is suffering in Nebraska from intense heat and lack of moisture.

The British house of commons has passed the South African confederation bill.

San Diego, Cal., police will arrest women appearing on the streets wearing kimono.

Mexican officials deny the report that Porfirio Diaz, son of the president, has been assassinated.

Seven men and three women were mangled by an explosion of natural gas at Cleveland, Ohio.

The reports that Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, is dangerously ill, are denied at Constantinople.

Harriman has secured control of the Vanderbilt system, thereby adding about 12,000 miles to his lines.

Kiefer, Oklahoma, bank robbers surprised at their work, killed the cashier and fatally wounded the cashier.

Prince Albert Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne, has just returned from the Congo and says conditions are satisfactory.

An earthquake has been recorded by the instruments in the weather bureau at Washington. The origin was estimated at about 2,500 miles distant in California or Mexico.

All records for attendance are being broken at the Seattle fair.

Moorish tribesmen make almost constant attacks on the Spanish forts.

The uncertainty of the wheat market will cause storage of much of the California crop.

There is serious difference between Great Britain and her colonies on the naval policy.

The Rock Island railroad has placed an order for 5,000 freight cars and 50 locomotives.

The powers will send a fleet to Crete to force the removal of the Greek flag and prevent a Turkish attack.

A storm in Chicago caused three deaths by drowning and a number of injuries. The property loss is heavy.

An explosion on a Russian submarine boat caused injury to 14 men, one fatally. The vessel was American built.

Millionaire Bradbury, of San Rafael, Cal., sentenced to serve a term in the penitentiary for perjury, has received a reprieve, but will have to serve 30 days in the county jail.

The shah of Persia is married. He is 11 years old.

There are rumblings of a revolution in Northern Mexico.

A hot wave in London has been the cause of many deaths.

Wholesale executions and fighting have been renewed at Barcelona.

Thaw has been given a few days' respite before returning to the insane asylum.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Del., has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Johnson Porter says there is room along the Deschutes for two railroads, each having double tracks.

Greece will ask the advice of the powers before answering the last note of Turkey on the Crete affair.

Mrs. Parkhurst, the English suffragette leader, will soon visit the United States and deliver a series of lectures.

Rioting has occurred at Stockholm, Sweden, in connection with the strike. Dynamite has been used to blow up street cars.

William K. Payne, son of the house leader, has been appointed deputy assistant attorney general at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Minister Wu, of China, has been recalled.

The earnings of the Northern Pacific show an increase of \$250,000 over last year.

An Evanston, Ill., tailor has had a diamond set in the nail of his little finger.

China has sent a note to Japan in which the mikado's policy regarding the railroad rights is called unjustified aggression.

Richard Carlin, who confesses to having been a burglar for seven years, has told the New York police that there is no profit in the business.

A New York girl is the first American woman to own her own balloon for use as a pleasure.

Porter Brothers are further causing Harriman contractors trouble in the Deschutes by hiring their men.

In a battle between dock laborers and police at Fort William, Ont., 24 men were injured, three fatally.

The court has decided that Thaw is still insane and must be returned to the asylum. An appeal will be taken.

HILL BACKS ROAD.

Construction of Oregon Trunk Up the Deschutes to Be Rushed.

Portland, Aug. 17.—Uncertainty as to the actual force behind the Oregon Trunk was removed when John F. Stevens made the announcement that he had acquired a controlling interest in the project, which, in its execution, is to be financed by J. J. Hill, personally. The acquisition of this property by Mr. Stevens and his associates and the identification of Mr. Hill with it are of major importance to the railroad situation in this state. It is regarded as the initial step by Hill in his invasion of Central Oregon and the eventual building of a railroad to San Francisco. Subsequent developments resulting from Hill's invasion of Oregon are expected materially to alter the railroad map of the state.

"On being asked several days ago if I had any interest in the Oregon Trunk or if I represented any railroads that were interested, I said no, and the latter statement still holds good," said Mr. Stevens.

"Since then, however, I have acquired a controlling interest in the project, have all necessary financial arrangements completed, and the road will be built as fast as it can be reasonably done with men and money. The matter is a personal one, and I have no objection to saying that J. J. Hill, as an individual, is financially interested to any extent necessary to carry the road through to successful completion.

"Plans in detail are not fully developed, but will become apparent from time to time, as conditions may seem to require. It may be said, however, that the Oregon Trunk proposes to provide as quickly as practicable a northern outlet for Central Oregon, regardless of the designs of any other transportation company."

Having made this announcement, Mr. Stevens refused to budge an inch.

FIGHT TO BE KEPT UP.

Ballinger and Pinchot to Meet Again in Denver.

Denver, Aug. 17.—Every subject that in any way can be connected with the commercial, industrial and agricultural growth of the West, from the Panama canal to scientific dry farming, will be discussed in Denver this week at sessions of the 12th annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 delegates are expected. The congress began its sessions yesterday, although the real work will not be taken up until today.

One of the features of the congress probably will be the renewal of the struggle between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot, begun publicly at Spokane last week. These two men and 800 delegates from the National Irrigation congress at Spokane are expected today.

Among the multitude of subjects to be discussed are railroads and transportation; commercial problems, closer relations with southern republics, with special reference to the Panama canal; national defense, with special reference to the Pacific coast and Hawaii, which will send delegates; conservation of national resources, irrigation and reclamation; good roads; beet and cane sugar industry; reform of the consular service; drainage of sub-merged lands, and separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Among the accredited delegates will be five women, two from Denver, two from Arizona and one from Texas. The government will take advantage of the congress to give illustrated lectures every night explaining what Federal authorities are doing in the way of public works, including the Panama canal.

Rival to Be Built.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 17.—There was much military activity both in Japan and Manchuria when the Empress of India left Japan, in consequence of Japan's determination to rebuild the Antung-Mukden railroad. Meanwhile, a further cause of trouble has developed in consequence of China having determined to build a rival line through Manchuria to connect Korea via Chientao, the island in the Tumen river, whose ownership China and Japan are still involved, with Kailin, on the Chinese section of the Manchurian railroad.

Suit to Oust Book Trust.

Newport, Ark., Aug. 16.—Suit has been filed in the Jackson Circuit court by R. E. Jeffrey, prosecuting attorney, and Hal L. Norwood, attorney general of Arkansas, against the American Book company. The state asks the exacting of fines amounting to \$2,000,000 and the ousting of the defendant company. It is alleged in the suit that the American Book company, as publisher and distributor of school books, maps, etc., is party to a pool or trust.

Concrete Building Falls.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—A concrete apartment block known as the Broadbent, being erected here, collapsed Saturday evening. Heavy rains had urday evening. The steel skeleton of the concrete so that the steel skeleton gave way. Four men were injured and two severely they were taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

Strikers Resume Work.

Fort William, Ont., Aug. 17.—The striking dock laborers of the Canadian Pacific railway will return to work tomorrow. A mass meeting of the strikers and their friends, numbering 5,000 men, was addressed today by Mayor Peltier, who urged the men to return to work and submit their grievances to a board of arbitration.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

LUMBER CUT HEAVY.

New Mill at Tillamook Turns Out 50,000 Feet Per Day.

Tillamook—The Tillamook Lumber Manufacturing company's new sawmill in this city is turning out 50,000 feet of lumber daily most of which is being used for building purposes in and around Tillamook City. The company was organized by George B. Lamb, Carl Haberlach, H. T. Botts and Fred C. Baker, and the sawmill has an ideal location, being at the head of navigation and right in the heart of Tillamook county and city. It took over \$40,000 for its site, buildings and machinery. The mill has two large high-pressure boilers, two engines, large circular sawmill and a pony mill, with planers, box machinery and dry kiln and employs about 30 men. It is entirely local capital at the back of the new enterprise.

Several shipments of spruce have been sent to Portland on the steamer Argo, which docks at the company's warehouse in Hoquartion slough. This is as far as steamers can go inland in Tillamook county, which is at the bridge on the road going north. The company has obtained the rights to boom logs on the east side of the bridge in Hoquartion slough, where several million feet of logs can be stored. A cut was made from the slough to the end of the log slip, the government dredge being used for that purpose. The Pacific Railway & Navigation company will run a spur from the depot along the waterfront of Tillamook City, the track running on the north side of the sawmill and through the company's lumber yard. This will give the Tillamook Lumber company railroad and shipping facilities on its own property.

The new sawmill has given the city a steady monthly payroll of about \$2000, and as soon as the local demand for lumber diminishes it will be in the market for export lumber.

IRRIGATION PROGRESSES.

Big Tract Being Placed Under Water in Rogue River Valley.

Grants Pass—Construction of the gravity canal and high line irrigation ditches which are to bring water from Rogue river to the arid lands in and around Grants Pass is progressing rapidly. The most difficult portion of the gravity canal, that near the power dam, was attacked with two powerful hydraulic grunts. By this method the cemented ground and huge boulders were easily removed. The gravity canal is 12 feet wide at the bottom, 18 feet at the top and 5 feet deep.

Two high line ditches have been constructed, one on each side of the road. These will irrigate all of Grants Pass and much of the country adjacent to this city. The south bank canal will reach and cover the orchards and farms of the Fruitdale district. Much of the undertaking was entirely completed from Grants Pass.

Will Visit Hood River.

Hood River—Several hundred of most prominent residents of the cultural colleges and experiment stations of the United States, accompanied by their wives, will visit Hood River, August 21. The party will leave Portland by special train and be met at Hood River with automobiles and carriages and be given a drive to the valley to witness the splendid Hood River orchards. It is planned to serve the guests with a genuine Hood River luncheon, in which the famous Gravensteins will form a prominent part on the menu. The distinguished visitors will be guests of the Commercial club while in the Apple city.

Governor Names Delegates.

Salem—Delegates to the first National Conservation congress to be held at the auditorium of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, Seattle, August 26, 27 and 28 have been appointed by Governor Benson as follows: J. N. Teal, chairman Oregon Conservation commission, Portland; Edward H. McAllister, dean of the School of Engineering, University of Oregon, Eugene; George M. Cornwall, editor Pacific Timberman, Portland; W. K. Newell, member state board of horticulture, Gaston; and E. W. Wright, editorial writer, Portland.

Eugene Gives More Money.

Eugene—The third day of the active canvass for funds for the railway from Eugene to the Pacific coast resulted in a total of \$3000. The work of the three days has amounted to \$12,000 and the committees are gratified with the progress that has been made. Those in charge do not doubt that the \$150,000 required will be raised. The plan to build to the coast and then connect with Coos bay by a coast line is receiving good support here.

Elmira Will Aid Road.

Eugene—The citizens of Eugene who went to Elmira in the interest of the Eugene & Western railway were well received by the people of that locality, and several thousand dollars in money was promised the promoters of the road if it should go through or near Elmira. Labor and supplies were also promised by citizens who are anxious to secure the road.

Crop Outlook Promising.

Portland—A fine outlook for crops through Western and Southern Oregon is evident, according to General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman lines, who has returned from a week's inspection trip over the west side line, the Woodburn-Natron line and the Corvallis & Eastern.

HUGE FARM PROFIT.

Gain is Ten Times Annual Rental for Willamette Valley Ranch.

Albany—A. C. Armstrong, a farmer residing four miles northwest of Plainview and 10 miles southeast of Albany, will realize a profit of \$4,800 on 120 acres of vetch he threshed last week. Incidentally he will clear up about \$6,000 this year on a farm of 400 acres, for which he pays an annual rental of \$600. Some other Linn county farmers are doing almost as well, and farming in the Willamette valley is paying better this year than for many years.

Armstrong had 140 acres in vetch this year. He mowed 20 acres of it, and after storing his barn full of loose hay for his winter's supply had enough left over from the 20 acres to bale 20 tons, which is worth \$13 a ton. The vetch on the remaining 120 acres was threshed for seed by the thrasher and cleaner of Parker Bros., and Armstrong had 70 tons of threshed and cleaned vetch seed from his 120 acres. This is worth four cents a pound in the present market and after Armstrong pays all expenses of threshing, cleaning, etc., he will realize a net profit of \$4,800 on the vetch seed alone, to say nothing of the vetch hay he baled.

In addition to his 140 acres in vetch, Armstrong has 200 acres in spring oats, which is in splendid condition and will doubtless return a big yield and give him an additional profit of several hundred dollars for the past year's work.

Big Deal in Fruit Land.

Hood River—A large land deal has just been consummated here by the purchase by J. E. Robertson, Alex S. Reed and J. M. Culbertson, local capitalists, of 800 acres of unimproved fruit land from the Stanley-Smith Lumber company. The tract, which is considered one of the best in the valley, is situated six miles west of the city, and sold for \$57 an acre. It is the intention of the purchasers to cut it up in small tracts. A large spring, which has been mentioned as possible for a water supply for the city, is situated on the land.

Sand Island Is Gold Mine.

The Dalles—Two notices of location of mining claims have been filed with County Clerk Angle. The claims are located on an island near the mouth of the Deschutes river. Hugh Ritchie files on 20 acres in the name of the Red Wing Placer Mining claim, and Emma S. Ward files on 10 acres in the name of the Columbia placer claim. The

BRITAIN LOSES GRIP.

Will Accept American Domination to Save Empire.

Chautauque, N. Y., Aug. 16.—The British empire in momentary danger of destruction at the hands of Germany, and ready, merely for the asking, to accept the dominance of the United States and see the empire's real seat of authority transferred to Washington, is, according to Colonel S. S. McClure, editor of McClure's Magazine, the situation which is now confronting the country's statesmen.

Colonel McClure called the parting of America from England in 1776 a disastrous mistake, and read a statement from Lord Roseberry in which that statesman predicts that, if England and America had not separated at the time of the Revolution, the seat of the great British empire would have already been transferred from the British Isles to what is now the United States and those islands would have simply been the sacred historic shrine of the great world-empire of the English-speaking people.

"The United States should secure the dominance of the British empire," continued Mr. McClure, "for the asking. The present situation of England and Germany is that of two farmers living side by side, one of whom is a first rate prizefighter, has trained his people to be prizefighters and says to his neighbor, who has been peaceably engaged in cultivating his estate: 'I want some of your property and I'm going to have it.' The possible destruction of the British empire, which this means, is the most terrible problem before us today."

ROBBERY AS TRADE.

Santa Clara Gang Proposed to Loot Many Banks.

Santa Clara, Cal., Aug. 16.—Still concerning their identity, but talking freely of the daring \$7,000 robbery in which they were the principal actors Friday, the two boys captured at Sunnyside by Sheriff Langford were brought here for arraignment on a charge of robbery.

To Sheriff Langford, who captured them, the young men made a startling confession. Joe Willetts, who appears to be leader of the gang, said he and his companion had planned a series of bank robberies that would have created a reign of terror in financial circles. So far had their plans matured, that on Thursday, with a hired automobile awaiting their return, they entered the First National bank, in the heart of Oakland, and calmly weighed the chance of making their escape with a fortune.

"This Santa Clara robbery was only an experiment," said the youthful robber, after making this confession.

are dead and others expected to die, between 40 and 50 are injured, three engines are in the ditch, two baggage cars, including the contents, are smashed, and several passenger coaches are badly damaged as the result of a head-on collision between east bound passenger No. 8 and west bound passenger No. 1 on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, near Husted, 13 miles north of this city at 10:25 Saturday morning. The wreck was due either to a misunderstanding of orders by the driver of the first engine of the north bound train, or to his having mistaken a switch engine standing on the siding at Husted for the train he was to pass at that point and which he later crashed into.

Lecture to Pay Debt.

London, Aug. 16.—Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, will lecture in the United States and Canada, commencing the tour in March, 1910. He will receive a record fee, but the money will not go into his pocket, but will be used to pay off debts amounting to \$70,000 contracted during his record-breaking expedition. The Daily Express reproaches the British government for its ingratitude in declining to contribute to the cost of Lieutenant Shackleton's expedition.

Smallpox in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 16.—There are 348 smallpox patients in the lazaretto. The authorities have dictated severe measures to avoid carrying infected persons in public coaches, and have also prohibited the exposure of smallpox corpses in churches for funeral services and their accompaniment to the crematories. The land inspection board has discovered an illegal disposition of lands to a Japanese colony and has forbidden the sale.

Earthquake in Japan.

Tokio, Aug. 16.—A disastrous earthquake shook the Japanese provinces of Nagao Saturday and it is feared the list of casualties will be heavy. In the province of Omi, 400 houses were razed. No particulars regarding the number killed are available, as all communication has been cut off.

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